

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A card holding structure
2 in a portable terminal apparatus, for fitting a card by
3 sliding and for holding the card, comprising:

4 a card connector fixed in a card fitting portion
5 provided inside a housing of the portable terminal
6 apparatus;

7 a holding portion provided in a front portion, as
8 viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector,
9 and holding a front portion of the card; ~~and~~

10 an inner wall surface of a cover for the housing of
11 the portable terminal apparatus, said inner wall surface
12 holding a rear portion of the card; and

13 a housing-side stopper formed by a resilient piece
14 having an end fixed to the card fitting portion.

1 Claim 2 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 1, wherein said card connector has two
3 sets of contact portions which are respectively disposed at
4 forward and rearward positions in the card sliding
5 direction, so as to establish electrical contact with the
6 card.

1 Claim 3 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 1, wherein the card fitting portion
3 includes a recessed portion recessed in an inner surface of
4 the housing, and a sliding movement of the card is guided
5 by side wall surfaces of the recessed portion.

 Claim 4 (cancelled)

1 Claim 5 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 4, wherein a tip portion of the housing-
3 side stopper is directed toward a direction perpendicular
4 to the card sliding direction.

1 Claim 6 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 1, wherein the cover serves as a battery
3 housing.

1 Claim 7 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 1, wherein the cover includes a cover-
3 side stopper projecting toward the card fitting portion.

1 Claim 8 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper
3 prevents the card from coming off rearward in the card
4 sliding direction.

1 Claim 9 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper
3 presses the card at a position above a contact portion of
4 the card.

1 Claim 10 (original): The card holding structure
2 according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper is
3 disposed in a region opposing the cutout provided at a
4 corner of the card.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): A portable terminal
2 apparatus comprising:

3 a housing including a card connector into which a card
4 is slidably fitted and is held, the card connector
5 including a holding portion provided in a front portion, as
6 viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector;

7 a cover engaging said housing and including a pressing
8 portion provided on an inner wall surface thereof so as to
9 press a rear portion of the card; and

10 a housing-side stopper formed by a resilient piece
11 having an end fixed to the housing.